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Tribes has now submitted an interim report. The Committee has examined in detail the present condition of the various Hill Tribes, and has recommended the immediate implementation of three Pilot Schemes, concerning (1) the Muthuvans of the Idamalai Country (2) the Hill Pulayas of Champakad and (3) the Kadars of Parambikulam. The details of the Schemes are being scrutinised by the Government and it is expected that a decision on the recommendations of the Committee will be taken soon.

MEDICAL RELIEF AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

23. *Medical.* The fight against diseases was carried on with unabated zeal and vigour during the current year. Fifty-six major hospitals including special institutions, 154 dispensaries and 33 grant-in-aid institutions and a full time floating dispensary at Chambakulam are now functioning in the State. During the current year substantial addition has been made to the accommodation, available in existing institutions. Three T. B. seal wards have been constructed at Alleppey, Alwaye and Chittur. The construction of a maternity ward in the Government Hospital, Changanacherry has been completed. Two wards with 64 beds have been added to the T. B. Hospital, Nagercoil. The construction of a new block of 32 beds has been started in the Keralavarma Sanatorium, Mulakunnathukavu. A new block of 90 beds has been opened in the Civil Hospital, Trichur. Two Leprosy treatment centres were started at Kayamkulam and Haripad. Construction of a ward of 400 beds in the District Hospital, Quilon, work in connection with the upgrading of the Dispensaries at Haripad, Punalur and Thodupuzha, and construction of a Cancer ward and Poly-clinic in the Medical College Hospital are in progress.

The Medical College for which we laid the foundations five years ago is now in full bloom and the first batch of Graduates will come out of it in April 1956. Everyone who is associated with the building up of this institution can feel legitimately proud of this solid achievement.

In the coming year's budget there is provision for an ambitious scheme of expansion of Medical facilities. The more important among them are: Expansion of the District Hospitals, Quilon and Moovattupuzha; Construction of additional wards and buildings in three institutions in each of the four districts; Providing better equipments in 5 institutions in each

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district; Installation of Deep X-Ray Therapy; Leprosy relief; Starting two new T. B. Sanatoria and expansion of facilities for T. B. treatment in existing institutions; and Installation of a steam laundry in the Medical College Hospital.

Ayurveda. The indigenous system of medicine also received encouragement. The aim is to make medical aid easily available to the people residing in every nook and corner of the State by opening at least one hospital in every taluk and one dispensary in every Panchayat. The opening of 4 hospitals and 20 dispensaries sanctioned this year will be accomplished before the close of the year, which will raise the number of institutions functioning in the State to 20 hospitals, 89 dispensaries, 7 Taluk Vishavaidya dispensaries and 318 grant-in-aid vaidyasalas. The Second Five Year Plan contemplates a financial outlay of Rs. 29.2 lakhs for the opening of more hospitals and dispensaries, development of the Pharmacy, cultivation of medicinal plants etc. The budget for the ensuing year makes provision for opening of 2 new hospitals, 10 new dispensaries, the development of the S. K. V. G. A. Pharmacy, and the cultivation of medicinal plants.

With the introduction of the University course, the Ayurveda College was developed and reorganised on modern lines. The Ayurveda Hospital and the Pharmacy under the College are utilised for the practical training of the students. A maternity ward with 24 beds attached to the College was started this year. A research section also was added to the College. The Second Five Year Plan provides Rs. 38.55 lakhs for the development of the Collegiate hospital, maternity ward, pharmacy, hospitals, Research block and X-Ray block.

Public Health Measures. The special activities of the Department such as Malaria and Filariasis control, B. C. G. Vaccination, distribution of rice and milk in selected areas, institution of more health units, expansion of maternity and child welfare work and rural water supply and drainage schemes have shown satisfactory progress during the current year. The National Filaria control programme is to be continued next year with five control units and two survey units. Only one control unit is now functioning.

The National Water Supply and Sanitation programme undertaken by the State as a central scheme during the first Five Year Plan period contemplated the establishment of 4 rural

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water supply and sanitation projects, drilling of 60 tube wells in the coastal areas and the provision of 5 pipe water installations. Of these the 4 water supply and sanitation projects were started and they are making good progress. The completion of these 4 projects, the provision of 11 rural water supply installations and the construction of 140 tube wells are scheduled for the Second Five Year Plan, at a financial outlay of Rs. 78.71 lakhs.

The construction of a District Public Health Laboratory at Ernakulam, sinking of new Draw wells, construction of additional wards in the Maternity and Child Health centres, improvements of the Filariasis laboratory at Sherthala, the opening of a school for the training of Health Visitors, the construction of tube wells and the provision of protected water supply to Perumbavoor are some of the numerous items included for the next year in the Public Health budget.

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24. In the foregoing account I have touched only on the more important activities and that, only of a few departments, to which I wanted to invite the particular attention of the Hon'ble Members. In fact, provision has been made in almost all departments for enlarging their activities on an unprecedented scale.

I shall now conclude after indicating how it is proposed to find the required funds for our huge expenditure programme for the ensuing year. Over and above our revenue collections our requirements are:—

		Rs. in lakhs
(a)	To meet the revenue deficit ..	308.48
(b)	To meet the Capital expenditure ..	940.23
(c)	To provide a Working cash balance in the Treasuries and Banks ..	193.95
	Total ..	1442.66

Taking into account the estimated opening cash balance of Rs. 197.08 lakhs and the net incomings of Rs. 245.81 lakhs under Debt Heads, there will still be a deficit of about Rs. 1,000 lakhs. This deficit is proposed to be met partly by raising a public loan of Rs. 200 lakhs in the open market and by withdrawal of investments to the extent of Rs. 100 lakhs. The deficit of Rs. 700 lakhs still left has been assumed as loan

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